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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2002, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-12 and 23) drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a nucleic acid construct and a host cell, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5, and class 435, subclasses 320.1 and 325, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of nucleic acid sequences, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO: 7 of Claim 1 and SEQ ID NO: 47 of Claim 23 for examination in the subject application.

A one-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted, HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

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